colour monitors, consumer electronics, electromedical equipments, automation control equipment and equipment for civil aviation.

Export of foodgrains

752. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to increase the export of foodgrains;

(b) if so, the steps taken in that direction during last three years; and

(c) the details of proposal of Government for increasing the foodgrains export in 1995-96.

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) to (c) It is the policy of the Government to encourage export of agricultural items keeping in view domestic availability and demand. The measures taken to enhance exports of foodgrains include, interalia;

(i) elimination of the Minimum Export Price and quantitative ceiling in respect of rice.

(ii) a quantitative ceiling of 2.5 million MTs for non-durum wheat, 10,00© MTs for pulses and 30,000 MTs for Coarsecereals such as Ragi, Jowar, Bajra, Barley and Maize etc. has been fixed for the year 1995-96.

(iii) arranging buyer seller meets, advertising, inviting delegations to visit the country, participation in International Trade Fairs, improved packaging, quality control and promotion of brand names.

(iv) In view of the comfortable stock position of foodgrains in the Central Pool, Government has also authorised the FCI to export/sell for the purposes of export upto 2.5 million tonnes of wheat and 2.00 million tonnes of fine and superfine rice from public stocks during 1995-96.

lodo-Japanese trade talks

753. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE' be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indo-Japanese trade talks were held in October last in New Delhi;

(b) if so, the decision taken thereon;

(c) whether Government propose to expand trade relations with Japan; and

(d) if so, the new areas identified for the propose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P, CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir, the talks were held in New Delhi during October 26-27, 1995.

(b) The economic situation in both countries, regional economic cooperation and cooperation in the fields of Trade, Investment and Tourism were discussed. It was decided to institute a follow up mechanism to resolve bilateral trade and investment problems.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Agriculture, Computer Software, Textiles, Engineering Gold Jewellery etc. figure among the areas identified for expanding trade relations with Japan.

आयात/निर्यात के क्षेत्र में कार्य निष्पादन

754. **श्री सोमपाल :**

श्री इकबाल सिंह :

क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1993-94 और 1994-95 के दौरान तथा चालू वित्तीय वर्ष के पहले आठ महीनों के दौरान आयात-निर्यात वर्ष के पहले आठ महीनों के दौरान आयात-निर्यात के क्षेत्र में कार्य का निष्पादन क्या रहा है,

(ख) चालू वित्तीय वर्ष के दौरान निर्यात के क्या लक्ष्य निर्धारित किये गए हैं,

(ग) चालू वर्ष के दौरान आयात के क्या लक्ष्य निर्धारित किये गये है, और

(घ) देश के निर्यात लक्ष्य को बढ़ाने और आयात को कम करने के लिये सरकार ने क्या कदम उठाए हैं ?